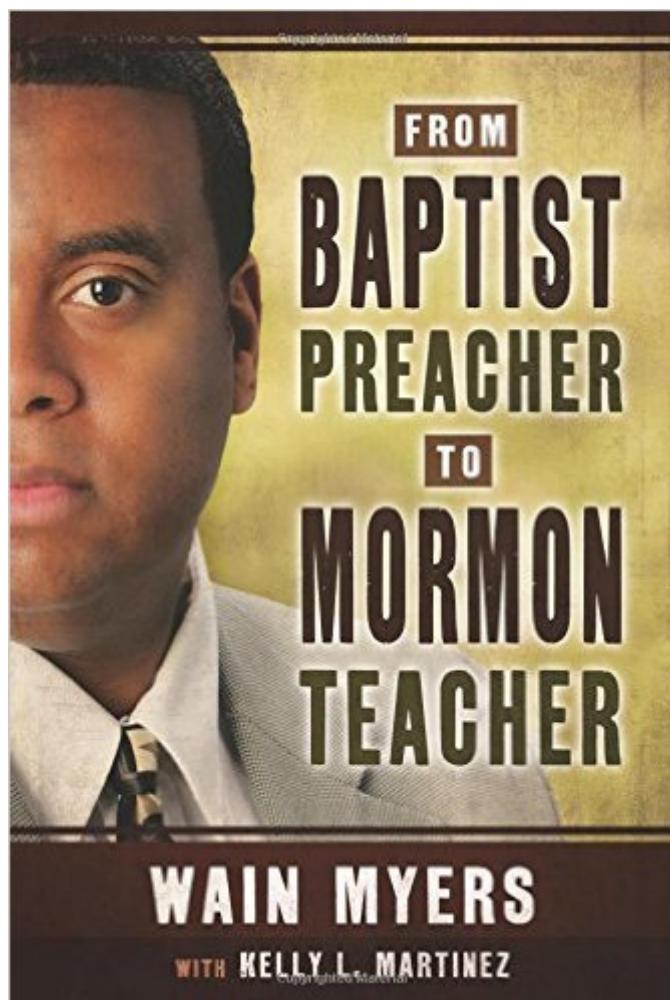


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From Baptist Preacher To Mormon Teacher



Synopsis

Wain Myers thought he knew what he believed, but after a revelation from God, something had to change. This black former Baptist preacher--and now black Mormon teacher--tells his fascinating story of following the Spirit's voice and ultimately becoming a convert in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (also known as the "LDS" or "Mormon" church). This remarkable true story will inspire you to follow your own promptings and share truth wherever you find it. It was no Sacred Grove, but it was a place from which I knew my Father could hear me. I knelt at my bedside that same night and asked my Father which of the two churches I should attend. "Neither," He replied. Not exactly the answer I was expecting, so I waited to hear more. Wain Myers learned at an early age that his path in life would include preaching the word of God. While the calling was clear, which church he should preach for wasn't. In a moment of revelation, his feet were set upon a path that eventually led to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This inspiring true story shares the power of following God's counsel, no matter where it takes you. Endorsements for From Baptist Preacher to Mormon Teacher: "Truth is truth, and for most people it doesn't always come in a pretty package. Wain shares the truth and insights about why he believes what he believes. From Baptist Preacher to Mormon Teacher is not for the weak of heart! Wain Myers is taking no prisoners as he shares his raw, yet personal, experience of leaving the "cloth" and embracing the priesthood. His real, refreshing testimony will uplift you and remind you that, like the scriptures say, we are more than a conqueror!" --Tamu Smith and Zandra Vranes, authors of SISTASinZION and Diary of Two Mad Black Mormons "From Baptist Preacher to Mormon Teacher is a quick and delightful read. Full of compelling insights, it is also humorous, instructive, and thought-provoking. Readers will not only feel edified by reading this book, but they will feel like they've gained a new, wise, and very funny friend." --Margaret Young, author and filmmaker "When confronted with a fact that hurt him to his very core, rather than take the position of a man indignant, Wain laid aside the thing that offended him in favor of trusting that God was answering his prayer in His own way and time. He might have left the Church and never looked back, but Brother Myers has such a relationship with his Heavenly Father that he endured the pain for a greater good. This compelling response stands in stark contrast to the world that we live in today." --Duane Pannell, coauthor of 3,000 Miles to Eternity

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Customer Reviews

Last night I bought a copy of my brutha, Wain Myers', new book, "From Baptist Preacher To Mormon Teacher". I read the whole thing on a flight from SLC to ATL because I COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN!!! Wanna talk about #keepinitreal? My man worked some magic on this book. It's his own story and is full of so much wisdom. And in true Wain-style, he had me crackin' up and I even cried at one point (Bishop Weston at the DC temple - gotta read it to find out why). Take a moment and get it TODAY! You will not be disappointed and be uplifted too!

Wain and Kelly answer questions in this book that many people want to ask about Blacks and Mormons, but are too afraid. They also say things that many people want to say but don't because they are too worried about being politically correct. The book is touching and funny. I am the son of a Black Baptist preacher, and I grew up going to Black Baptist churches. I come from a broken home, and I work hard to help my family build our foundation on Jesus Christ and His teachings. This book struck a chord with me. My heart broke with Wain's as he waited in vain for his dad to visit him as a child. I laughed as Wain made his hasty exit from the middle of the woods in Germany on a dark night after hearing voices. I cheered for Wain and Sebrina as they battled the challenges that come with broken and blended families. Finally, I appreciate that the book never drags. Not a thriller, but it kept me going from start to finish. I hope Wain will record it as an audiobook so we can hear the powerful, sweet and funny stories with the flavor of a preacher turned teacher. I recommend this book to Blacks, non-Blacks, LDS members and non-members alike.

First of all, let me just say I love the way this is written. It is so conversational. Myers isn't afraid to share his personal revelations and heart-felt heart-conversations with Heavenly Father. He also isn't

afraid to let his culture, heritage, and fun-filled personality shine through in his writing. There is definitely some Southern humor, as well as Baptist preacher mannerisms in it, which makes it a fun, quick read. Myers was born to a church-hopping mother in a ghetto area, with a non-present father. But, at a young age, after a sermon at a Baptist Church, he had a clear vision that he was supposed to start teaching the Gospel. So, he spent his life working toward that goal. He became a Baptist Preacher, and he was a dang good one, too. He loved preaching, he loved sharing the word of God. But, he was being paid for it, which never set well with that. And, he believes because of that payment (manna, or temptation from Satan), his life started to spiral down. He was a preacher on Sunday, but during the week, living not how he was supposed to. He finally left his Baptist Church and moved. He met a woman who just emanated the Spirit from her and he had another personal revelation that she was to become his wife. Sebrina was a recent convert to the LDS Church, and he started becoming interested in the Church as he felt God was leading him to it. Although there were issues Myers felt with the Church, especially the topic of blacks not being able to hold the priesthood before the 1970s, he trusted in God and allowed God to speak to him and let him know the church was true. He related an experience he had before he even thought about the LDS Church similar to Joseph Smith's first vision: going to a secluded area and asking God which church he was to join. God answered to him none but that He would lead Myers to His true church. When Myers heard the Joseph Smith story, that was an affirmation that the LDS Church was the church he should join. There were a few quotes that really helped me because they reflected the issues I've had with my church recently: "One of the best things that happened to me while I was trying to find my Father's straight and narrow path was that my faith in men of God was shattered. It didn't feel amazing at the time, but now that I look back, it was nothing but amazing. You see, as I sought counsel from preacher after preacher and received heartbreak answer after heartbreak answer, I realized that I was looking for God in all the wrong places. It became painfully evident that I wasn't going to find Him, the real Him, in any of the churches or pastors I was interacting with. When I found the truth in the LDS Church, I didn't see its leaders as men of God; I saw them as mortal men searching for answers--just like I was. That's not to say that they weren't men of God; that's just to say that I didn't expect them to be perfect. I knew that only one man has walked the earth in perfection. I have a clear understanding that we are all prone to mistakes and bad decisions--even Church leaders." Page 82 "When people tell me that they've asked God if the LDS Church is true and haven't received an answer, I know that they aren't truly relying on God for the answer. Instead, they're relying on their own understanding for the answer.A young man once said to me, 'Wain, I don't get it. There are so many issues and past practices with the LDS Church

that are bothersome.' I responded by pointing out that his issues with the Church are all based on the actions of man, not God. I've dealt with--and continue to deal with--the problems I have because my faith is in God, not man. Members of the LDS Church are human and have shortcoming and flaws, just like everyone else. I can't judge them; I've got too many of my own weaknesses and sins to correct." Page 130It is definitely a book worth reading!

I was really amazed at the intrigue and process that this man went through even from youth in search of the Truth. I supposed that I would just read part of the review. I downloaded the book and hardly put it down until I had completed it. A couple days later I was out visiting a family looking for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They brought up some of the same difficulties that he talked about in the book. So much of the book has lessons on how to live a very Christian Life and treat others with respect and love. This man seems to exemplify how I hope to become in many aspects. I was very grateful to have stumbled onto this book and will read it again. I thought that it was That Good!

Wain Myer's miraculous conversion story inspires and ignites hope that not only does our Heavenly Father know each of us, he speaks to us very personally. All throughout the book, Myers makes clear God's guidance in his life. His story not only brings to light themes of personal revelation, but also, redemption, grace, and service. In explaining his own faith in the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, despite its history of withholding the priesthood from black members, Myers provides insight important for all members of the Church to consider. "...let me make it clear how sensitive this topic is for investigators of color" and many others, actually. I don't think many Church members and missionaries realize how much this topic hurts us. And yet, Myers doesn't once ask for sympathy, nor seek restitution other than from his Savior. His stalwart example and engaging voice will bless all who read this book.

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